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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1070

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LY, TU

SUBJ: LIBYAN-TUNISIAN RELATIONS

REF: TRIPOLI 1043, TUNIS 5411

1. ACCORDING TO ACTING CHARGE OF TUNISIAN EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI ABDUL RAHAMAN IDN BEN SALEM, TUNISIA AND LIBYA HAVE AGREED TO SUBMIT THEIR TERRITORIAL WATER DISPUTE IN THE GULF OF HAMMAMET TO ARBITRATION BEFORE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. BEN SALEM INDICATED AGREEMENT TO SETTLE DISPUTE IN THE HAGUE WAS REACHED DURING TUNISIAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR TAHER BALKOUJA'S JULY 31 VISIT TO TRIPOLI. BEN SALEM CLAIMS INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION DECISION WAS ONLY ISSUE AGREED UPON DURING BALKOUJA'S TALKS WITH QADHAFI. ALL OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES WILL REPORTEDLY BE DISCUSSED DURING RETURN VISIT OF LARG MINISTER FOR RCC AFFAIRS TAHA SHARIF BEN AMIR TO TUNIS ON AUGUST 19.

2. BEN AMIR REPORTEDLY WILL DISCUSS ISSUES TO LIBYAN JUNE 11 AIR BASE, DISAPPEARANCE IN LIBYA OF TUNISIAN ENGINEER RAOUF MHENNI, RELEASE OF TUNISIAN SOLDIERS, BORDER INCIDENTS, AND "INHUMANE" TREATMENT OF TUNISIAN  
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DIPLOMATS IN TRIPOLI. BEN SALEM DECLINED TO VENTURE

OPINION ON OUTCOME OF PROJECTED TALKS WHICH HE  
INDICATED WOULD DETERMINE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER FUTURE  
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.  
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